(b) There are 14 (fourteen) directly aided Khadi institutions and 9 (nine) village industries institutions under the fold of Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

(c) Out of the 23 total institutions only 2 institutions are runing under loss.

(d) The Government on 14.05.2001, has announced a package for the promotion and development of Khadi and Village Industries (KVI) including loss making industries. The package consists of Rebate Policy for Khadi for five years, option of Rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA), Insurance cover to Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development etc. The package is under different phases of implementation.

Development of SSIs in the country

†*54. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to bring a comprehensive legislation to make lakhs of Small Scale Industries set up in various States of the country free from Inspector Raj, provide them with Government protection and develop them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Government have received the draft of a Small Enterprise Development Bill from the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad. The draft seeks to address concerns of the Small Scale Industries (SSI) related to credit, marketing, trade protection, labour related inspections etc. Comments on the draft bill as attempted by ASCI have since been received from stakeholders and have been sent to ASCI for examination and suggesting changes, if any, for further consideration.

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